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SUBJECT: R/V IDA GREEN MARINE SCIENCE RESEARCH, 1 DEC 1976-
1 JUNE 1977

1. R/V IDA GREEN, A PRIVATE VESSEL OPERATED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MARINE SCIENCE INSTITUTE GEOPHYSICS LABORATORY AND FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENCE RESEARCH OFF COSTA RICA, GUATEMALA, MEXICO, AND EL SALVADOR. THE PURPOSE OF THE RESEARCH IS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION OF THE GEOLOGIC STRUCTURE IN FOUR REGIONS OF THE MIDDLE AMERICA TRENCH IN ORDER TO STUDY GEOLOGIC STRUCTURES ASSOCIATED WITH AN ACCRETING CONTINENTAL MARGIN, A CONSUMING CONTINENTAL MARGIN, AND THE INTERSECTION OF SEISMIC RIDGES WITH SUBDUCTION ZONES.

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2. SEISMIC REFLECTION PROFILING AND SONOBUOY REFRACTION

MEASUREMENTS WILL BE TAKEN IN ADDITION TO MAGNETIC PROFILES AND GRAVITY MEASUREMENTS. CORES AND DREDGE HAULS WILL BE TAKEN TO STUDY THE COMPOSITION OF BOTTOM MATERIALS. A CRUISE TRACK WILL BE PROVIDED WHICH SHOWS THE STATION LOCATIONS AND SHIP TRACKS.

3. ALL DATA RESULTS WILL BE SHARED WITH THE HOST GOVTS AND A BERTH IS AVAILABLE FOR 1 PARTICIPANT FROM EACH

COUNTRY DURING THE PORTION OF THE RESEARCH THAT IS OFF THEIR COAST. ONLY ONE SPACE IS AVAILABLE DUE TO THE LIMITED SIZE OF THE RESEARCH VESSEL. DR. AGUSTIN AYALA-CASTANARES AT THE UNIVERSIDAD DE NACIONALE IN MEXICO CITY IS FAMILIAR WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF THE RESEARCH.

4. THE SHIP'S ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS:

---PANAMA CITY, PANAMA-----10 DEC 1976
---COSTA RICA (PORT UNNAMED)-----4 JAN 1977
---PUERTO SAN JOSE, GUATEMALA-----1 FEB 1977
---ACAPULCO, MEXICO-----24 FEB 1977
---ACAPULCO, MEXICO-----18 MAR 1977
---PUERTO SAN JOSE, GUATEMALA-----12 APR 1977
---PANAMA CITY, PANAMA-----15 MAY 1977

5. IDA GREEN IS 198 GROSS TONS, 116 FT LONG, WITH AN 8 FT DRAFT. SHIP'S MASTER IS OTIS MURRAY WITH A CREW OF 7 AND SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 10. CHIEF SCIENTIST IS DR. CREIGHTON A. BURK, DIRECTOR OF THE MARINE SCIENCE INSTITUTE. RADIO CALL SIGN IS WV 2229 AND SHIP COMMUNICATES DAILY WITH MARINE SCIENCE INSTITUTE, GALVESTON.

6. ACTION: EMBASSIES ARE REQUESTED TO SECURE CLEARANCE FOR THE IDA GREEN TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENCE RESEARCH IN THE TERRITORIAL SEA AND ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF OF THE NAMED COUNTRIES. PLEASE NOTIFY DEPT WHEN CLEARANCE HAS BEEN APPROVED. PORT CALL REQUESTS WILL BE MADE BY SHIP'S AGENTS. KISSINGER

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